



CANADIAN COALITION FOR GREEN HEALTH CARE'S HOSPITAL THERMOMETER EXCHANGE

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What is CCGHC?

CCGHC was established by a coalition of health and environmental organizations in Canada to promote health care which protects both patients and the environment.

Hospital Thermometer Exchange

- CCGHC working with 6 hospitals in Southern Ontario to hold fever thermometer exchanges.
- Date: Early February, 2003
- Goal: Exchange of 1600 thermometers with staff, patients and their families.
- Free replacement of a digital thermometer.

Purpose of the Exchange

- Educate the public, reducing health and environmental risks associated with mercury thermometers.
- Educate health care community about the risks, and the available alternatives.
- Promote mercury-free medicine in Canada.
- Pilot the concept with plans to expand in future.

Next Steps

- Implement infrastructure and communications plans
- Review and Evaluate!